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Response to Amendment

1. The reply filed on December 2, 2002 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): The substitute abstract was not provided on a separate sheet as required by 37 CFR 1.72(b). To expedite matters, an abstract on a separate sheet may be faxed to the number for formal papers given below. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. **EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).**

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Clark Dexter whose telephone number is (703) 308-1404. The examiner's typical work schedule is Tuesday through Friday, and he can be reached during normal business hours on these days.

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